

Youth Advisory Board
Minutes
October 2, 2014

Present: Barbara Ruhe, Kathy Bagley, Rachael Sunny, Eric Knapp, Colleen Keane, Melissa Cook, Patti Tiberio, Todd Willard, Chris Healy, and Michael Scavetta.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Introductions:

- New YAB Members
 - Went around the table and new members introduced themselves
 - Melissa Cook
 - Michael Scavetta
 - Colleen Keane

Approval of September Minutes:

- The following edits were noted:
 - Under members present should read Maria **C.** Alfonso
 - Under Old Business/YES Summer 2014 – third bullet should read “magnet school **in** Hartford.”
 - Under New Business/Other Potential Projects – second bullet should read “Kathy Bagley needs to look into whether YAB (*delete in*) fund money can be used.”

Financial Report:

- Rachael Sunny noted that there is currently \$8,088.01 in the Youth Advisory Board account

Old Business:

- Youth Advisory Board Composition
 - Based upon the decision made at last month’s meeting to reduce the YAB Board Composition from 18 to 13, a memo was drafted and sent to the Town Manager notifying him of the proposal
 - Kathy Bagley is waiting to hear back from the Town Manager regarding the memo
 - After the Town Manager approvals the revision then it will need to go to the Town Attorney for review before Gerri Roberts can bring it before Town Council
 - Still have an open vacancy on the board for a youth member
 - Three names were put forth: Lily Bello, Rachel Bayhus (not sure of spelling?), and Abigail Davis. It was decided that all 3 girls will be invited to attend the November YAB meeting. If after attending the meeting they are interested in sitting on the board we will have them prepare an essay as to why they are interested in sitting on

the board and what they hope to be able to accomplish. Board members will then decide whom to put forward for Town Council approval.

- **CROSSROADS**
 - Rachael Sunny reminded the board that the fall session of Crossroads will begin next week. Will be offering Cooking, Step Dance, Lights/Camera/Action, and Media Center.
- **Friday Night Hang Out**
 - 55 6th graders have signed up for Friday Night Hangout which is starting next Friday, October 10th – this represents almost 20% of the 6th grade population in town
 - Students will have access to gym and the sports equipment in the closet (wiffle ball, dodgeball, soccer, basketball) and the workout room will be set-up with benches and tables for the students to lounge in
 - Rachael Sunny is working on securing staff
 - Todd Willard asked if we are looking for adult volunteers to assist and Rachael Sunny said yes (the volunteers at First Church have already undergone background checks)
 - Chris Healy made a motion that the Youth Advisory Board donate \$500 to Friday Night Hangout to provide the start-up cost for the refreshment stand (pizza, soda, water, and candy). Todd Willard seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
- **Assistant Director Update**
 - Kathy Bagley announced that the new Assistant Director for Social and Youth Services will be starting October 27th.

New Business:

- **Other Potential Projects**
 - CASAC Power Point – Rachael Sunny let the Board know that Tom Steen, director of CASAC, has put together a new power point presentation regarding the composition and roles of Local Prevention Councils (LPC). Since the YAB serves as Wethersfield's LPC Rachael thought it might be a good idea to have him come and share his presentation. The Board thought this would be a good topic for the January meeting. Rachael will contact Tom and invite him to the January 8, 2015, meeting.
 - Youth volunteer manual – The Board is in agreement that creating a Youth Volunteer Manual would be of value and that it is a project that the board is willing to work on. If anyone knows of any organizations in the area (doesn't need to be just in Wethersfield) that accepts volunteers under the age of 18 please email Rachael Sunny the name of the organization as well as any contact information that you may have. It would be great to have an individual's name to go along with the organization. There was also talk about organizing a volunteer fair next September so that when the 9th grade students are looking for places to complete their civics community service requirement they would have a better idea of the organizations that they can contact.
 - Survey – At September's meeting the idea of creating and distributing a survey had been mentioned. Since Emily Daigle and Ken Lesser (who were proponents of the survey) were not in attendance it was decided to table this discussion item until the next meeting.

At 8:27 pm Chris Healy made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Patti Tiberio.

Next meeting is November 6th at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Rachael Sunny